AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign nationals presently living in different parts of the country ;

(b) whether foreign nationals living in the country are allowed to marry the minor girls ; if so what are the rules applicable to such persons ; and

(c) what action is taken by Government against such foreign criminals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Accoding to liberalised visa rules, foreigners are required to register themselves with the concerned Foreigners Registration Officers if they intend to stay in India for more than 180 days at a time. According to available information, 130765 registered foreign nationals were living in India as on 1-1-91.

(b) Marriages with minor girls are prohibited under the Child Marriage Restraints Act.

(c) Action in all such cases is taken by the concerned Sate Governments under the relevant laws.

Escape by ULFA militants

2146. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that four hardcore ULFA militants escaped from Guwahati central jail on the 12th June, 1992 ;

(b) the number of ULFA militants who escaped from jails of Assam during the last one year alongwith the dates ;

(c) whether any enquiry has been held in each case ; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those found guilty so as to check the escapes from jail ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Twelve ULFA detenus have escaped from Assam Jails during the last one year, as per the details given below :—

No. of ULFA detenus	Date of Escapes
2	8-3-91
1	14-6-91
5	25-6-91
4	12-6-92

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, Two officials were dismissed and several other officials of different ranks were suspended.

Allotment of land to ex-servicemen in Great Nicobar

2147. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he and the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration received representations in April, 1992 through Members of Parliament from some widows of ex-servicemen from Hoshiarpur district in Punjab, who were allotted land in Great Nicobar in the Sixties, urging the Government to ensure the possession of the allotted land to the concerned widows and to let them know the present status of the land ;

(b) if so, the action taken by him and the Chief Secretary, Andaman Nicobar thereon ; and